REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	14 November 2003
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	FHM Diary 2003
Other Known Title(s):	FHM 2003
Director(s):	Not Applicable
Producer(s):	Not Applicable
Publisher:	EMAP Australia
Author(s):	Not Applicable
Format:	Diary
Country of Origin:	Australia
Language(s):	English

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running Time:
Trailers:	Running Time:
	Total Running Time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Unrestricted: Suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The diary entitled *FHM Diary 2003* also known as *FHM 2003* is classified as: Unrestricted: Suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over.

The publication is a small diary attached as a free promotional item to an issue of the popular men's magazine FHM. The publication contains sexual innuendo and brief, colloquial descriptions of sexual activity, some merely in the form of sexual epithets. It also has places for the diarist to fill in details of his own actual or hypothetical sexual activity. Violent action and the infliction of self harm by famous people who were born or died on a particular day are briefly described in a facetious and colloquial manner throughout. Acts are merely mentioned (with no more than at the most two adjectives to describe them). The presentation is facetious. The content includes mildly degrading and dehumanising elements in terms of the way males and females, and the relationships between them, are described. When freedom of expression in a free and democratic society is taken into consideration, any injury that might eventuate from the availability of this diary would not be of a sufficiently serious nature as to warrant placing any restriction on the availability of this diary.

Although the sexual content of the publication is considered likely to offend many people, after considering the criteria in s3(1) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, the Office considers that the publication's availability is unlikely to injure the public good. This is reflected in the publication's classification, along with the notion that it is not suitable for children and young teenagers. An unrestricted classification places no limit on the freedom of expression outlined in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

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